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Up DATE

Keeping our friends informed of our ministry and our students



Students Raise Wall Of Prayer

Although the war between the allied nations and Iraq continues 7,000 miles on the other side of the world, the students of Cedarville College desire to do their part in reinforcing those involved. For them, the Wall of Prayer is their link to world conflict.

The night that the U.S. stormed Iraq, seven students—the Advisory Seven Board—met with Harold Green, vice president for Christian ministries. Elected by the student body, these seven help Dr. Green foster a

growing, stimulating, spiritual atmosphere on campus. Realizing the effect war can have on students spiritually, they and Dr. Green discussed various ways to positively reinforce the troops in the Middle East, especially those soldiers whom students knew. The Wall of Prayer was their unanimous choice.

The following morning the Wall was “erected”—orange poster board running the entire length of one side of the college Chapel. The Wall was divided into “bricks,” provid-

ing space to write the name of a soldier and his relationship to the college family.

To date, over 2,550 of the “bricks” contain the names of family and friends of faculty, staff, students, and members from the community. While a visual reminder, the Wall serves primarily as a prayer list. Since the war began, the chapel has remained open 16 hours each day for continuous prayer. Many students come to the Wall and copy names on their own prayer lists. Those who have written names on “bricks” have commented on the encouragement and strength they sense, knowing others are remembering their loved ones in prayer.

As word continues to spread about the Wall of Prayer, people from across the nation have called and asked that the names of their loved ones be included. The college switchboard, as well as WCDR Radio, are receiving names. Should you wish to participate, call WCDR Radio at 1-800-333-0601 or the college switchboard at 1-513-766-2211.

Dr. Percesepe Publishes Philosophy Text

Dr. Gary Percesepe, associate professor of philosophy at Cedarville College, added to his published works when his book, *Philosophy: An Introduction to the Labor of Reason* was printed by MacMillian Publishing in January.

Dr. Percesepe wrote the book because he was frustrated with other philosophy textbooks. He commented that with most texts he could not agree with their biases; others were simply incomplete. “The only answer was to write one myself; it was my moral responsibility to do so,” Percesepe stated. His editor, Helen McInnis, agreed with him. After four years of study and work, with much of the writing taking place during the summer of 1989, the book was successfully completed.

The new textbook is one way Percesepe demonstrates the investment he desires to make in the lives of his students. He said, “Most Cedarville students are highly motivated and great to work with.” In regard to the College he added, “The College is a special place. It is a progressive, forward institution that occupies a special niche in Christian education, committed to biblical principles, yet allowing a freedom of thought within that context.”

Dr. Percesepe began teaching at Cedarville in 1983, but was no stranger to the College. He is a 1975 graduate of Cedarville, majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. He went on to the University of Denver and Denver Seminary where in 1978, he received his master’s in philoso-

phy and a second master’s in historical theology. In 1986 he earned his doctorate in philosophy from St. Louis University.

In 1986 he was approached by Cedarville’s administration to research and help develop an Honors Program for advanced students. He accepted the challenge and is now the program’s director. He finds working with this group of students extremely enriching and rewarding.

In addition to his teaching and Honor’s Program responsibilities, Dr. Percesepe plans to continue his writing. Already in the research process, he hopes to publish a work on the history of letter writing and correspondence and the reasons for their demise.

Faculty Profile: Barbara Loach



On December 7, 1990, Professor Barbara Loach became Dr. Barbara Loach. Dr. Loach completed her doctoral program at the Ohio State University, following the defense of her dissertation on contemporary women authors of Chile. Currently, over 65% of the faculty of the College possess doctoral degrees.

Dr. Loach's involvement with the College began as a student; she graduated

in 1977 with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies with emphases in Spanish and English. After earning her master's degree in Spanish from Bowling Green State University, Dr. Loach returned to Cedarville in 1978 as a professor.

"In some ways it was like a dream come true in coming back to teach at Cedarville," Dr. Loach stated. "I was so impressed with the school and its atmosphere. I wanted the opportunity to be involved with that atmosphere." She went on to say, "Cedarville laid an excellent foundation for my graduate studies. Professors challenged me to think Christianly about my field and other subjects."

When asked what she enjoys most about teaching, she responded, "The interaction I have with students. I appreciate the strength of unity in purpose and mission that the College has. I believe we have a good balance between academics, spiri-

tual concerns, and other activities. I enjoy being involved in the process of helping the students mature intellectually and spiritually during the time they spend here."

During her years at Cedarville as a student and a professor, she has traveled to Mexico five times on Missionary Internship Service experiences. Two of those times she served as a team leader. In addition to her MIS trips, she has gone to Spain twice, and once to Portugal and Chile.

Besides teaching a full class load Dr. Loach also teaches Senior Seminars for Spanish majors and, this spring, will teach an Honors Seminar. She also is in the process of starting a new language club for students interested in foreign languages and culture. Dr. Loach indicated that her involvements reflect her desire to invest her life in her students, an obligation she senses since she is the product of the same type of investment over fourteen years ago.

China Invites Drama Team

The relationship between the university system of China and Cedarville College recently took another positive step forward, as the Shanghai International Culture Association of China invited a drama team from the College to come this June.

Since 1986, Cedarville has provided the People's University in Beijing with a team of teachers to teach English. Because of the credible relationship of Cedarville alumni in China, the Culture Association asked for a drama team to perform at major universities in Shanghai and Beijing during their three-week visit. The team's performance at People's is in conjunction with the five-year anniversary of their agreement with the College.

Myron Youngman, a 1976 graduate and current staff member, will lead the team. As well, he is a former teacher at the People's University and looks forward to returning to China. "Because we were invited, so many doors automatically open for us. Obviously, they are extremely confident in us to allow us to interact with their university students," Youngman noted.

The team will perform a variety of dramatic pieces from various musicals and plays depicting life in America. The focus of these pieces will touch on such topics as

forgiveness and sacrificial love. Following each performance, the team will have opportunity to talk one-on-one with Chinese students and give them opportunity to practice their English skills.

"No doubt, the Lord will use this for His purpose. We are simply hoping to be effective servants," Youngman concluded. "We trust that with the success of this venture, further opportunities like it will come along."

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Mar. 5-6	Chapel: Frank Pastore, former Cincinnati Reds Pitcher
Mar. 25-29	Spring Quarter begins Spring Missionary Conference
Apr. 7	Concert: Cedarville College Chorale
Apr. 9-10	Artist Series: A.D. Players
Apr. 12	Concert: Cedarville College Brass Choir
Apr. 15-20	Barney's Week (Special Community Service Week)
Apr. 19-20	China Awareness Seminar: Dr. Hudson Taylor III
Apr. 23-25	Chapel: Lehmann Strauss
May 3	Honor's Day Concert: The Cathedrals
May 3-5	Parent's Weekend Spring Drama Production: "A Man for All Seasons" (also May 9-11) Concert: Cedarville Pops Concert
May 27	Concert: Symphonic Band
May 30-31	Final Exams
June 1	Graduation